

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of producing a compressed product of isomaltulose, isomalt or mixtures containing 6-O- α -D-glucopyranosyl-D-sorbitol ("1,6-GPS") and 1-O- α -D-glucopyranosyl-D-mannitol ("1,1-GPM"), which are characterized by quantity ratios of 1,1-GPM to 1,6-GPS which differ from those of isomalt and/or contain other sugar alcohols, wherein

- a) the isomaltulose, isomalt and/or the mixture containing 1,6-GPS and 1,1-GPM is ground dry,
- b) at the same time or thereafter, a ground fraction of the isomaltulose, the isomalt or the mixture containing 1,6-GPS and 1,1-GPM with a maximum particle diameter of 100 μ m is obtained or separated,
- c) the ground fraction is agglomerated with the addition of a liquid binder, and
- d) then it is compressed to form a compressed product.

2. The method according to Claim 1, wherein the mixture containing 1,6-GPS and 1,1-GPM is a mixture of 10 wt% to 50 wt% 1,6-GPS, 2 wt% to 20 wt% 1,1-GPS and 30 wt% to 70 wt% 1,1-GPM, or a mixture of 5 wt% to 10 wt% 1,6-GPS, 30 wt% to 40 wt% 1,1-GPS and 45 wt% to 60 wt% 1,1-GPM, or a mixture enriched with 1,6-GPS with a 1,6-GPS content of 57 wt% to 99 wt% and a 1,1-GPM content of 43 wt% to 1 wt% or a mixture enriched with 1,1-GPM with a 1,6-GPS content of 1 wt% to 43 wt% and a 1,1-GPM content of 57 wt% to 99 wt%.

3. (Currently Amended) The method according to Claim 1 [~~or 3~~], wherein the particle diameter is \leq 50 μ m.

4. (Currently Amended) The method according to Claim 1, [~~2 or 3~~], wherein the particle diameter is \leq 30 μ m.

5. (Currently Amended) The method according to [~~one of the preceding claims~~] Claim 1, wherein the milling is performed in an air separation ball mill or in a combination of a mill and a downstream air classifier.

6. (Currently Amended) The method according to [~~one of the preceding claims~~] Claim 1, wherein additives or auxiliary substances are introduced during milling.

7. (Currently Amended) The method according to [~~one of the preceding claims~~] Claim 1, wherein the liquid binder is a solution or suspension of isomalt, a mixture containing 1,6-GPS and 1,1-GPM characterized by quantity ratios of 1,1-GPM to 1,6-GPS which differ from those of isomalt, and also containing fat and gelatin or collidone.
8. (Currently Amended) The method according to [~~one of the preceding claims~~] Claim 1, wherein the liquid binder is added to the separated ground fraction by spraying.
9. (Currently Amended) The method according to [~~one of the preceding claims~~] Claim 1, wherein the liquid binder is added to the separated ground fraction through a nozzle.
10. (Currently Amended) The method according to [~~one of the preceding claims~~] Claim 1, wherein agglomeration is performed intermittently in a fluidized-bed agglomerator or in a continuously operated installation.
11. (Currently Amended) The method according to [~~one of the preceding claims~~] Claim 1, wherein the liquid binder is added to the separated ground fraction in a form in which it is heated to a temperature above room temperature.
12. (Currently Amended) The method according to [~~one of the preceding claims~~] Claim 1, wherein additives and/or flavorings are added to the agglomerate after adding the liquid binder and before pressing.
13. (Currently Amended) The method according to [~~one of the preceding claims~~] Claim 1, wherein size fractionation of the agglomerate is performed after adding the liquid binder and before pressing.
14. (Currently Amended) The method according to [~~one of the preceding claims~~] Claim 13, wherein the size fractionation of the agglomerate [~~according to Claim 13~~] is performed in a screening machine.
15. (Currently Amended) The method according to [~~one of the preceding claims~~] Claim 1, wherein the agglomerate is dried after agglomeration.
16. (Currently Amended) A compressed product that can be produced according to [~~one of the preceding claims~~] Claim 1.
17. (Currently Amended) An agglomerate that can be produced by process steps a) through c) according to [~~one of Claims 1 through 15~~] Claim 1.

Amendments to the Drawings

The drawings were objected to because they were in German. Applicants have amended the drawings to provide English translations. The amended drawings are attached hereto.